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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir/Madame:

In the Notice of Allowance mailed January 14, 2004 in the above identified application, claims 1-79 are allowed.

The Notice of Allowance includes an Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowability. While Applicants agree that the prior art does not disclose limitations indicated in the Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance, Applicants respectfully note that the specific limitations indicated by the Examiner do not necessarily correspond verbatim to the features recited in each of the independent claims. In particular, each of the independent claims distinguishes over the prior art based on the particular limitations recited in the claims, and is patentable on its own merits (in some cases, perhaps, for reasons other than those indicated in the Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance).

Applicants also respectfully note that a Revocation of Prior Powers and New Power of Attorney was filed in this case on August 18, 2003 (a copy of which is attached

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hereto). Applicants respectfully request that further correspondence in this application be mailed to their new representatives at the address indicated below.

If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- [X] Part B- Fee Transmittal
- [X] Response to Notice of Allowance
- [X] Notification of Loss of Entitlement to Small Entity Status
- [X] Copies of Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney and New Power of Attorney and Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)
- [X] Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 395-7000.

A check for \$1,630.00 is enclosed. If the fee is insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50/2762. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.27(g)(2))

Sir:

Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent Office that they are no longer entitled to status as a small entity with respect to this application, and that the claim for small entity status is hereby withdrawn.

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